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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #10

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Chenik Subdistrict including the waters of Chenik Lagoon will open for a 16-hour period on Thursday, July 5 from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM.

Waters of the Chenik Subdistrict **excluding waters of the Chenik Lagoon** will reopen at 6:00 AM Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7 for two 16-hour fishing periods. The Chenik Lagoon will be closed during these fishing periods. Chenik Lagoon is defined as waters south and west of 59°13.42' N. Lat., 154°07.32' W. Long. Chenik Lagoon will be closed during both of the fishing periods on Friday and Saturday.

The SEG range for Chenik Lake is 3,500 – 14,000 fish with a midpoint of 8,750. Video counts to date are,

June 22-27	271 fish
June 27-July 1	1,498 fish
July 1-3	4,745 fish
Total video passage	6,514 fish

Remaining waters of the Kamishak Bay District with the exception of the Bruin Bay, McNeil and Paint River subdistricts, remain open to commercial seine harvest. There has been no harvest reported to date from this district. Video cameras installed at Mikfik Lake have counted a total of **2,810** sockeye salmon that had entered the lake as of July 1. The anticipated count for this date is 6,143 – 11,846 towards a final Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) range of 6,300 – 12,150 fish for Mikfik Lake.

Video data at remote sites will be retrieved again on Friday, July 6 for review and assessment.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that all lawfully taken finfish that are retained but not sold ("homepacks") must be reported on a fish ticket at the time of landing. Fish tickets have a not sold/home pack block to report these fish. Halibut are not legal to retain from commercial salmon seines or gillnets because these are not legal gear for halibut.

5 AAC 39.010. Retention of fish taken in a commercial fishery (a) A person engaged in commercial fishing may retain finfish from lawfully taken commercial catch for that person's own use, including for the use as bait in a commercial fishery. Finfish retained under this section may not be sold or bartered. (b) Except as otherwise specified in 5 AAC [01](#) - 5 AAC [39](#), a commercial fisherman shall report on an ADF&G fish ticket, at the time of delivery of the commercial catch, the number of steelhead retained from the commercial catch but not sold. For the purposes of this subsection, "delivery" means the offloading of the finfish for sale or for transport to a buyer for later sale.

5 AAC 39.130. Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements (C)(10) the number of fish of any species retained by a commercial fisherman for personal use as specified in 5 AAC [39.010](#);

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 6.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307. Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.